



# Texas Military Department News

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### **Texas National Guard Increases Security Efforts Along Southern Border in Response to Increasing Violence**

CAMP MABRY, Texas (Dec 1, 2022) - The Texas National Guard is deploying ten M113 Armored Personnel Carriers to the Texas - Mexico border to fight back against the record-breaking level of illegal immigration and transnational criminal activity.

The personnel carriers are being trucked to security points along the border today. These will enhance protection for our forces in the face of increasing cartel-directed criminal activity. The lifting of Title 42 could lead to a massive influx of illegal immigrants allowing criminals to further exploit gaps where federal authorities are inundated with migrant processing.

According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, as border chaos has spread, assaults on Border Patrol agents increased 26 percent over the past year and continue to rise.

Between Oct. 1 2021 and Nov. 8 2022, Texas National Guard Service Members have experienced 267 suspicious or violent events. These events include receipt of gunfire across the border, physical assaults, drone activity, lasing, surveillance, suspicious activity, threats of violence to the task force and threats of violence to individuals.

The Texas National Guard, in partnership with the Texas Department of Public Safety, is taking unprecedented measures to safeguard our border, turn back illegal immigrants, and stop the smuggling of people, weapons, and deadly drugs like fentanyl.